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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jane Newton on the
4 occasion of winning first place in community service at the
5 National Newspaper Association 2009 Better Newspaper Contest
6 for her "Hola!" special section of the Galena Gazette; and

7 WHEREAS, Jane Newton is a 21-year-old college student; she
8 attends Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan,
9 where she is majoring in public relations with a minor in Latin
10 American studies; during college, she spent a semester studying
11 in Mexico, Peru, and Argentine and lived in Mexico for a year
12 as a Rotary exchange student in 2006-2007; and

13 WHEREAS, Jane Newton is the daughter of P. Carter and Sarah
14 Newton, the publishers of the Galena Gazette; she grew up in
15 the family business and has worked in every single department
16 at the newspaper; and

17 WHEREAS, Due to its ample employment opportunities, the
18 City of Galena has attracted many Spanish-speaking people; in
19 response to the growth of the Hispanic population, the Gazette
20 staff debated how best to serve this segment of the population;
21 this proved difficult, due to the lack of Spanish speakers on
22 staff; Ms. Newton, after her first year of college, arranged a

1 school-sponsored internship at The Gazette with the purpose of
2 working on a project which helped tell the story of Galena's
3 Spanish speaking population; the project, titled "Hola",
4 became a 24-page special section in English and Spanish; in a
5 display of great initiative, she conducted all the interviews,
6 wrote almost all the stories, took all the photos, sold all the
7 ads, and assembled all the pages; and

8 WHEREAS, "Hola" received rave reviews from the community
9 and helped to create a better understanding of Galena's sizable
10 Hispanic community; in addition to the first place award from
11 the National Newspaper Association, the project has also won
12 four first-place awards in Illinois Press Association
13 news-editorial and advertising-marketing contests; and

14 WHEREAS, Jane Newton's hard work and willingness to promote
15 understanding between different cultures makes her a role model
16 for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Jane Newton on the occasion of winning first place
20 in community service at the National Newspaper Association 2009
21 Better Newspaper Contest and wish her continued success and
22 happiness in the future; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Jane Newton as a symbol of our esteem and respect.